

THE STATES assembled on Wednesday, 5th December, 1984 at 10.15 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Frank Ereaut.

All members were present with the exception of –

Senator John Philip de Carteret – absent.

Senator Pierre François Horsfall – out of the Island.

Sir Martin Le Quesne, Deputy of St. Saviour – out of the Island.

Terence John Le Main, Deputy of St. Helier – absent.

John Nicolle Le Fondré, Deputy of St. Lawrence – out of the Island.

Graham Douglas Thorne, Deputy of St. Brelade – absent.

Prayers read by Greffier.

Budget 1985 – continued.

THE STATES continued their discussion of the Budget for the financial year commencing 1st January, 1985 and continued the consideration of the revenue expenditure and of the income of the various Committees and decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

TRADING COMMITTEES

Harbours and Airport Committee – Pages 62 and 63.

Telecommunications Board – Pages 62 and 63.

Committee for Postal Administration – Pages 62 and 63.

THE STATES, referring to the summary of income and revenue expenditure appearing on page 71, agreed the total

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revenue expenditure in the sum of £139,871,750, the total income from Committees in the sum of £72,097,000 and the amounts to be transferred to the General Reserve and Accumulated Reserve in the sums of £7,225,000 and £1,556,000 respectively.

THE STATES noted that on the basis of levels of taxation currently in force, the surplus on the Revenue account to be transferred to the Capital Fund amounted to £30,422,000.

Having allowed for a balance of £13,456,700 to be brought forward at 1st January, 1985, and taking into account the capital repayments of £5,400,000, the States noted that there would be available in the Capital Fund the sum of £49,278,700. The States than proceeded to consider the estimates of Capital Expenditure recommended by the Finance and Economics Committee on pages 64 and 65 of the Budget and –

NON-TRADING COMMITTEES.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Defence Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Works Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Education Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Health Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Resources Recovery Board appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Island Development Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Housing Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Fort Regent Development Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

TRADING COMMITTEES.

The estimates of the capital expenditure of the Harbours and Airport Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget were allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Telecommunications Board appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

THE STATES, having terminated the discussion on the capital estimates, noted that the amount to be voted from the Capital Fund was £23,898,000.

THE STATES considered the estimates of income to be produced from taxation appearing on page 69 of the Budget.

THE STATES, having rejected an amendment of Senator Jane Patricia Sandeman that the impôt on spirits be increased from £3,350,000 to £3,685,000 and, having accepted an amendment of the Finance and Economics Committee that the impôt on wines be increased from £1,450,000 to £1,550,000, agreed the estimate as follows –

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Impôt on Spirits			3,350,000
"	,,	Wines	1,550,000
"	,,	Tobacco	2,300,000
"	,,	Beer	975,000
"	,,	Motor fuel	1,550,000
"	,,	Goods imported into the Island (Tariff)	_550,000
			10,275,000
Income Tax and Corporation Tax			78,500,000
Moto	1,000,000		
			89,775,000

Members present voted as follows for the amendment of Senator Sandeman –

"Pour" (9)

Senators

Vibert, Shenton, Sandeman.

Connétables

Grouville, St. Lawrence.

Deputies

St. Martin, Grouville, Beadle(B), Billot(S).

"Contre" (35)

Senators

Le Marquand, Jeune, Averty, Binnington, Ellis, Baal, Rothwell.

Connétables

St. Ouen, St. Mary, St. Saviour, St. John, St. Brelade, St. Peter, St. Helier.

Deputies

Mourant(H), St. Ouen, Morel(S), Le Maistre(H), Quenault(B), Perkins(C), Le Gallais(S), Roche(S), Le Brocq(H), Trinity, Filleul(H), Vandervliet(L), St. Peter, Farley(H), Rumboll(H), Buesnel(H), St. Mary, Wavell(H), Blampied(H), Norman(C), St. John.

THE STATES adopted in Second Reading a Bill to continue certain expiring fiscal laws; to prescribe the standard rate of income tax for the year nineteen hundred and eighty-five; to amend the law relating to income tax in relation to the charge to tax under Schedule A, personal allowances and reliefs and the reduced rate of tax for individuals, and to amend further the Wines and Spirits (Revenue Duties) (Jersey) Law, 1973 to provide for a revenue duty to be charged on cider or perry relative to its alcoholic strength.

The said Bill was lodged "au Greffe".

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 25 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Jersey) Law, 1967, have declared that the Bill to continue certain expiring fiscal laws; to prescribe the standard rate of income tax for the year nineteen hundred and eighty-five; to amend the law relating to income tax in relation to the charge to tax under Schedule A, personal allowances and reliefs and the reduced rate of tax for individuals and to amend further the Wines and Spirits (Revenue Duties) (Jersey) Law, 1973 to provide for a revenue duty to be charged on cider or perry relative to its alcoholic strength (which has this day been lodged "au Greffe") shall immediately have effect as if it were a law passed by the States and sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council.

THE STATES, having terminated the discussion on the Budget, agreed the Summary of the Estimated Income and Revenue Expenditure for 1985 appearing on page 71 of the Budget as follows –

INCOME

IVEONE		£
Committees		72,097,000
Taxation		89,775,000 161,872,000
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Revenue Expenditure	£ 139,871,750	
General Reserve	7,225,000	
Accumulated Reserve	1,556,000	148,652,750
Balance of Income over Revenue Expenditure and transfers to		
Reserves		13,219,250
Estimated Balance in hand at 31st December, 1984		17,302,750
Balance to be transferred to Capital Fund		30,522,000

THE STATES further agreed the estimated transactions of the Capital Fund for 1985 as follows – $\,$

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Balance brought forward	13,456,700
Capital repayments	5,400,000
Estimated balance on Revenue Account (as above)	30,522,000 49,378,700
Capital expenditure	23,898,000
Estimated balance in hand at 31st December, 1985	<u>25,480,700</u>

E.J.M. POTTER,

Greffier of the States.